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REVENUES EARNED FROM THE TOURIST SPOTS IN ANDHRA PRADESH
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of foreign tourists visited Andhra Pradesh during the last three years till date;

(b) the revenue earned by the Government in Andhra Pradesh during the said period;

(c) percentage of such revenue spent for renovation, repair and provisions of facilities to the tourist visited Andhra Pradesh during the said period;

(d) whether the Government has implemented any special package providing world-class facilities to the International tourists in Andhra Pradesh and other parts of the country;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a): The number of foreign tourist visits to Andhra Pradesh during 2004, 2005 and 2006 were 501019, 560024 and 669617 respectively.

(b) and (c): The revenue earned by Andhra Pradesh Tourism Development Corporation and expenditure incurred by them on repairs and maintenance of properties during the years 2005-06 and 2006-07 are given below:-

	(Rs. in lakhs) 2005-06	2006-07
Revenue Earned	5917.57	7660.37
Expenditure on repairs and maintenance of properties	131.24	233.68
Expenditure as % of Earnings	2.2%	3.0%

(d), (e) and (f): Development of tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments/ UT Administrations. However, the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India extends financial assistance to the State Governments/UT Administrations for tourism related projects, which are identified in consultation and interaction with them under the schemes for Product/ Infrastructure Development of Destinations/ Circuits, Assistance to Large Revenue Generating Projects, etc.

The amount of financial assistance released to the Government of Andhra Pradesh during 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 were Rs.2240.68 lakh, Rs.1700.00 lakh and Rs.1195.44 lakh respectively.